

Back to School Kickoff Event 2023-2024

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Agenda

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- MI Safe School
- MI Backpack
- Health Resource Advocate
- Multiplex
- Indoor Air Ventilation

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MI Safe School Antigen Testing Program

Free Point of Care COVID-19 test kits available to K-12 schools

NPI Number Required

- If no County-Wide standing physician's order

School Districts, ISD, Charter Schools, and Non-Public Schools will order directly from the [School District Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#)

- Schools should place one order per month to cover their testing supply needs.
- Additional requests can be accommodated in the event of an outbreak or need for increased tests due to the test to stay program (this is indicated on the ordering form)

Vendor Support



Offered to schools to provide on-site COVID-19 Point of Care Testing through collaboration with testing vendors



Needed logistics for request

Location

Starting Date

Days/Times



If you are interested in receiving vendor support, email MDHHS-CovidTestingSupport@michigan.gov

MI Safe School Results Reporting

- MDHHS Testing Collection and Coordination Team reporting requirements for Point of Care Antigen test results is **no longer required** to participate in the MI Safe School Program but is **still encouraged**.
 - Results can be reported via [the Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#) portal.

Communicable Disease Reporting

Schools must report to their Local Health Department (LHD) the suspected occurrence of any communicable disease listed in the [reportable disease list](#), along with any unusual occurrence, outbreak, or epidemic of any disease, infection, or condition, amongst those in attendance.

- K-12 schools are required to report daily COVID-19 case aggregates to their LHD per the MI Communicable Disease Rules
- Should an LHD request identifiable information from the school, the school should be able to provide:
 - Student information: full name, DOB, grade, classroom, street address, name of parent/guardian, and phone number(s)
 - The date the student was first absent and who identified the disease (e.g., healthcare provider, parent/guardian)

Expired Test Kits

Schools can report expired test kits on the School DISTRICT Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form

Schools **do not** have to order tests to complete the form. Simply indicate number of expired tests kits (the order quantity would be zero).



Unused test kits can be disposed of as regular waste.

MI Backpack Home Test Program

MI Backpack is a voluntary program that allows for Michigan K-12 schools to request free, at-home COVID-19 antigen tests for use among K-12 students, educators, staff, and their families.

Upon enrollment MDHHS will provide the kits and educational materials, and schools will distribute the kits to students and staff who choose to participate.

Schools are required to develop their own test distribution process.

Order Process: [MI Backpack Ordering Form](#)

Expired OTC test kits do not need reported – please check the [FDA website](#) to determine if there is an expiration date extension.

Visit the MI Backpack webpage: [Coronavirus - MI Backpack Home Test Program \(michigan.gov\)](#)

Health Resource Advocate

HRAs provide front-line support for COVID testing and reporting, help districts identify emerging COVID-related health concerns and amplify best health practices.

This is a voluntary program, where COVID testing is just one element- the program is inclusive of an overall school specific mitigation strategy which also encompasses wellness services.

HRAs can be school nurses, social workers, community health workers, Masters of Public Health (MPH), new college grads, or others who are looking for an opportunity to get involved in the health/education of communities.

HRA funding can also be used to support positions already carrying out duties specified under the HRA position descriptions.

How Can I use a Health Resource Advocate?

- An HRA can be used to support health and safety challenges students may face, incorporating preventive measures, services, and developing health strategies. Schools must have testing strategy in place and participate in the MI Safe School Antigen testing program.
- HRA Services related to reducing the risk of COVID-19 can include but not limited to:
 - Mental health
 - Nutrition and wellness
 - Health Education
 - Potential Covid-19 Vaccines
- Job duties a HRA cannot perform:
 - Provide immunizations outside of COVID-19
 - Task that do not affect the outcome of reducing risk for COVID-19

Health Resource Advocate

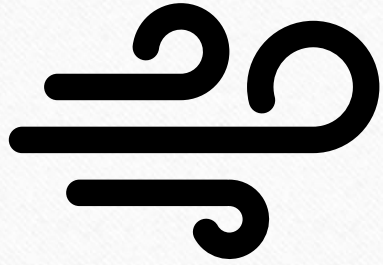


Health Resource Advocate (HRA) Program Update

- Funding for the HRA Program is now available until July 2024
- Allocation requests have been submitted to MDE for approval. Award letters will come directly from MDE.
- Updated action plans
- HRA Network meetings will occur every 4th Tuesday
- MDHHS-HRAREPORTING@michigan.gov

Multiplex Overview

- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) currently has a **LIMITED SUPPLY** of the Multiplex test kits available for distribution. The Multiplex test, known as the BD Veritor™ Plus System, offers combined testing for COVID-19, Flu A, and Flu B.
- MDHHS no longer requires reporting through the Antigen Portal, but reporting is still encouraged
 - Results can be reported via the Michigan Antigen Testing Results portal.
 - Local Health Departments still consider COVID-19 and flu reportable diseases. Please review Communicable Disease Reporting in Michigan for reporting requirements.



MI Safe Schools Indoor Air Ventilation Program

The MDHHS Air Purification Program has been extended to allow more schools and previous partners to create and sustain cleaner environments.

- All K-12 schools are eligible to enroll to receive MA-112 purifiers and replacement filters.
- Please complete the MI Safe Schools Indoor Air Ventilation Program – Request Form if you would like to place a request.

TCC Office Hours for 2023-2024 School Year

- The Testing and Collection Coordination Office Hours will resume September 6, 2023.
- Office Hours will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month from 2 pm – 2:30 pm.



Open Forum

Direct any additional questions to:

MDHHS-COVIDTESTINGSUPPORT@michigan.gov



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References

- Any additional questions email MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov
- Links Provided in the Presentation
- Reporting:
 - [Reporting form](#)
 - [MDHHS Rapid Antigen Testing Training Series](#) (access today's presentation on this webpage)
- Ordering:
 - [MI Safe Schools: School DISTRICT Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#)
 - [MI Backpack Ordering Form](#)
- [MI Safe School Dashboard](#) (access the 2022-2023 school year data on pages 1-4)
- [Coronavirus - MI Backpack Home Test Program \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- [MI Safe Schools Indoor Air Ventilation Program – Request Form](#)